



DIVISION OF MINES  
BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS  
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## ***DOCK FOREMAN***

Article 3 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20, which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

### **CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: *Dock Foreman***

This certification authorizes the holder to:

- Perform duties required by State and Federal Laws and Codes as a certified foreman and/or examiner at docks and other load out facilities
- Record on-shift examinations

**NOTE:** This certification shall not be used in lieu of any other certification.

### **APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Application (BCME-1) and \$40.00 fee 5 working days prior to examination
- One year experience at dock or appropriately related work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines
- Current first aid training (MSHA 5000-23 Annual Retraining or New Miner Inexperience Training acceptable)
- Hold a General Miner Certification

**EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS:** A score of 80% on each element of the examination

<b>ELEMENTS OF EXAM</b>	<b>NUMBER OF QUESTIONS</b>
▪ First Aid (FA)	20
▪ Electrical and Equipment (EE)	20
▪ Surface Mining Laws (MP)	20
▪ Federal Regulations (FR)	20
▪ Gas Detection – practical demonstration	
▪ Records – practical (not implemented)	

### **RECOMMENDED REFERENCE/STUDY MATERIALS:**

- Title 30 CFR Parts 48, 71, 77
- Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia
- BCME Requirements
- Preparation Plant Foreman Study Guide
- First Aid for Miners Study Guide
- Mine Gases Packet

The above mentioned study materials are available at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's Big Stone Gap Office, Customer Assistance Center (276) 523-8233 and Keen Mountain Field Office (276) 498-4533.